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1. ADMAS AIR CHARTER SERVICE CONTINUES TO PROVIDE THE ONLY COMMERCIAL AIR TRAVEL TO MASSAWA. EAL HAS BEEN GRANTED PERMISSION TO RESUME SCHEDULED SERVICE TO MASSAWA, BUT I STILL NOT DONE SO. EACH OF ADMAS' TWO AIRCRAFT CARRY FOUR PASSENGERS PER TRIP, PLUS AN ARMED GUARD.

2. MASSAWA AIRPORT REPORTEDLY HAS NEWLY INSTALLED FLOODLIGHTS, THE SURFACE HAS BEEN GRADED, AND THE AREA IS PROTECTED BY ROVING PATROLS. THE PATROLS SERVE IN LIEU OF A SECURITY FENCE WHICH HAS NOT BEEN INSTALLED. SUGGEST THAT MAAG PERSONNEL CURRENTLY VISITING MASSAWA MAY HAVE MORE PRECISE INFORMATION ON AIRPORT CONDITIONS THAN THAT AVAILABLE TO CONGEN.

3. WITH RESUMPTION OF CHARTER AIR TRAVEL TO MASSAWA IN AUGUST, TRAVELERS HAVE NO PROBLEM IN ARRANGING FLIGHTS, EXCEPT FOR SMALL CARRYING CAPACITY OF AIRCRAFT.

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4. FROM AVAILABLE REPORTS, SECURITY IN MASSAWA IS ABOUT THE SAME

AS IN ASMARA. RECENT REPORT OF KIDNAPPING OF ELDERLY ITALIAN
PHARMACIST (FEMALE) WAS EXAGGERATED. VICTIM HAD LIQUIDATED HER
HOLDINGS DURING WEEKS PRECEDING HER MIDNIGHT DEPARTURE BY CAMEL
ESCORTED BY KIDNAPPERS. SHE ARRIVED SAFELY IN KHARTOUM FOUR
DAYS LATER.
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